

Education Connections

Partnering for School Success

You may have read or seen in the news that Tennessee recently named its 2009 Teacher, Principal and Supervisor of the Year. These award programs give well-deserved recognition to outstanding educators and draw attention to the importance of the education profession. We try to honor the individuals named, as well as the peers they represent.

Invaluable in this effort has been the support and sponsorship of two of Tennessee's own: Nashville-based Education Networks of America and Greeneville-based Niswonger Foundation.

ENA co-sponsors the Principal and Supervisor of the Year awards programs, including a formal ceremony and awards for each finalist and winner. ENA helped initiate Tennessee schools into the world of internet technology by developing the first statewide K-12

network in the nation. The company also co-sponsors an initiative to prepare existing and aspiring superintendents to be visionaries for technology in education in their school district.

The Niswonger Foundation likewise co-sponsors an annual banquet for the Teacher of the Year award program, as well as provides cash awards to finalists and winners. Additionally, the Niswonger Foundation has helped institute standing professional development programs for Tennessee's education leaders. One such program offers online professional development for superintendents of Tennessee school systems and school principals. The Foundation is also highly involved in supporting schools and education in the East Tennessee region.

Across the state, Tennessee schools are fortunate to have involved partners in their local community that help them better serve students.

Looking Back



Moving Forward

TN Joins National Pilot to Offer Free Tutoring
<http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=129>

TN Awards 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants
<http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=132>

TN Chosen for College and Career-Ready Policy Institute
<http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=134>

Six TN Schools Named Blue-Ribbon Schools
<http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=135>

TN Names 2009 Teacher of the Year
<http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=138>

TN Names Top Principal and Supervisor for 2009
<http://info.tnanytime.org/tdoe/?p=139>

National School Lunch Week
Oct. 13-17

Child Health Week 2008
Oct. 13-19

Milken Educator Awards
TBD

2009 State Report Card
TBD

Budget Hearing with Governor Bredesen
TBD